

WHEREAS, National Nuclear Science Week recognizes the contributions of the nuclear science community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Blackfoot is proud to support Idaho National Laboratory, which for more than seven decades has produced clean energy technologies vital to our nation; and

WHEREAS, INL, as designated by Congress, is the nation's nuclear research, development, and deployment laboratory; and

WHEREAS, research conducted at 52 test reactors on the INL Site played an important role in development of a commercial nuclear energy industry that produces 19% of America's electricity and more than half our carbon-free electricity; and

WHEREAS, so many of Blackfoot's citizens have worked at INL, either on the desert site or in Idaho Falls, playing crucial roles in a vital economic driver for Blackfoot, eastern Idaho, and our state; and

WHEREAS, INL, through the National Reactor Innovation Center (NRIC) and Gateway for Accelerated Innovation in Nuclear (GAIN) initiative, is working with industry to produce the advanced nuclear energy technologies needed to power future prosperity while reducing carbon emissions; and

WHEREAS, INL's work with our public schools and colleges and universities is providing students and educators vital access to STEM education resources.

THEREFORE, I, Marc Carroll, MAYOR of the City of Blackfoot, do hereby proclaim Oct. 18-24 as Nuclear Science Week, and I call upon our citizens to recognize the importance of nuclear energy to our national security, economy, and environment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Blackfoot to be affixed on this 15th day of October, Two Thousand and Twenty.

Marc Carroll, Mayor City of Blackfoot